DEVELOPMENT—MORAL AND MATERIAL.

(ECONOMIC CONFERENCE).

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SUBJECT No. 118.

Starting grain stores in villages.

Mr. C. B. Gopala Rao, Kolar District Board.

Mr. C. B. Gopala Rao.—In the Kolar district, the Deputy Commissioner has arranged for storing about 80 thousand rupees worth of good grains to insure against famine. Similarly arrangements may be made by Government for starting grain stores in rural areas for the benefit of the people. If Government provide suitable buildings for storing grains and arrange for Shanbhogs undertaking the proper custody and maintenance of accounts, people will be benefitted considerably. As every person cannot become a member, it is not possible to work this on a co-operative basis.

Mr. L. Vema Reddy.—If the expenses to be incurred in connection with the storage of grains are allowed to be met out of the village improvement funds, that will be a great facility to people.

Revenue Commissioner.—According to the Village Improvement Scheme, if people ask for contribution from Government towards building grain stores, half the amount will be paid. The village officers cannot be entrusted with the maintenance of accounts, etc.

Dewan.—Government organization is very difficult. There are practical difficulties. The work can be done by the Village Improvement Committee.

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(INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE.)

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SUBJECT No. 119.

Establishment of one or two large industrial concerns in every district.

Mr. K. T. Seshaiya, Belur Taluk.

Mr. K. T. Seshaiya.—It is necessary not only to encourage small cottage industries in each taluk but also to see that, at least, one big industry is established.

Dewan.—It is a question of finding necessary capital by the people and guaranteeing of interest by Government and the latter course is obviously not possible as Government cannot guarantee the success of any concern. The only way in which Government can help industrial enterprises in such cases will be by the grant of small subsidies in particular cases and if any definite scheme is placed before Government, it will be considered on its merits. The subject will, however, be referred to the Industries and Commerce Board for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 120.

Early Establishment of Land Mortgage Banks.

Messrs. H. Krishna Rao, Koppa Taluk; H. S. Ganesha Rao, Malnad Land-holders' Association, Hosakoppa and C. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—(*a*) Early establishment of Land Mortgage Banks in the *malnad* may be ordered.

(*b*) Land-holders in the State find it very difficult to raise loans in connection with agricultural operations and for clearing old debts contracted in this connection. The loans they can raise from *sowcars* both in and outside the State are not conducive to thrift and economy as the interest paid by them ranges from 18 to 36 per cent per annum. Under these circumstances, an agriculturist can hardly make any profit from his industry. The report of the Committee on Land Mortgage Banks and also on the